Lichfield Diocesan Prayer Diary
w/b 20/05/2018

Sunday 20th May  Pentecost

Global: Colorado – (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert O’Neill

Companion Link: Singapore
As the Diocese holds a special Year of Prayer, pray for the follow up to the recent Momentum 2018 conference with its focus on equipping people to go deeper in prayer and to establish Houses of Prayer throughout the Diocese.

Local: For all engaged in the agricultural industry and rural economy; for those whose livelihood is dependent upon the productivity of the land and a fair return for their livestock, and those whose business relies upon tourism.

Ecumenical prayer- Stoke Minster, 6.30pm
A Combined Pentecost Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for Christian Unity,
St Matthew’s Church, Walsall, 6.30pm
Launch of a new contemporary worship, Eccleshall Holy Trinity 6.30pm

Monday 21st May

Global: Costa Rica - (Central America) Vacant

Local: Mission and Ministry around the Loggerheads Benefice in the deanery of Eccleshall
Rector- Revd Terry Williams, Associate Priest- Revd Roger Legg, Mrs Sara Humphries- to be ordained in June, LLMs -Helen Dent, Roger Pooley, James Butter, Anna Mortimer
ALM- Denise Keen CWs at Ashley, Muckleston, Broughton and Croxton

We pray for our continued ministry together, we pray for stronger ties that will last. We pray about our fresh expressions - Recharge Cafe Gathering & Messy Church

Stand with us in prayer for the vulnerable children in our country and their families. Pray for those making initial enquiries about fostering or adoption. Pray that they will be inspired and encouraged as they gather information and speak to people in the early stages. Pray for teams responding to these enquiries. Pray that this year would see many children welcomed into loving and safe homes.

Tuesday 22nd May

Global: Coventry - The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth, The Rt Revd John Stroyan

Local: Colton S. Mary the Virgin in the deanery of Rugeley
Rector- The Revd Simon Davis, Curate- The Revd Stephen Deall,
Associate ministers- Revd Mark Davys, Revd Lynda Farrington, Revd Anne Noble,
OLM- The Revd Pamela Merriott, LLMs- Mrs Olive Ballard, Captain Christopher Brown
CWs- Mrs Katie Brown, Mrs Rachel Bayliss

Special Focus: Dementia Awareness Week  https://bit.ly/2GYxsVV
Pour your grace, O loving God, upon all suffering with dementia. It is frustrating not to find a word; it is fearful to lose one’s memories. Bless them with patience, a loving and supporting family, and days of hope and accomplishment

Vienna Cobb Anderson
Wednesday 23rd May Rogation Day

Global: Connecticut - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Ian Douglas
Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Laura Ahrens
Suffragan Bishop elect of Connecticut - (I, The Episcopal Church) Vacant

Local: Hednesford S. Savior, Green Heath in the deanery of Rugeley
Vicar- The Revd Paul Kelly, Associate Minister- The Revd Ann Kelly
LLMs- Miss Emma Cardinal, Miss Kathryn Kelly, Mr Brynmor Wellings
CW- Mrs Julie Richards

Today: Mental Health Awareness Week
Loving God, we pray today for those who are confronted by the sadness, ambiguity and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend for attention and compassionate care. Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give to them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help.

Thursday 24th May  John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

Global: Cueibet - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Elijah Matueny Awet

Local: Great Wyrley S. Mark in the deanery of Rugeley
Vicar- The Revd Graham Horner
LLMs- Mrs Debbie Flenley, Mrs Anthea Staples, Mrs Gwyneth Taylor
CWs- Mrs Brenba Butler, Mrs Yvonne Heath, Mr Martin Lloyd Mrs Dawn Penniall, Mr Keith Sault

Special Focus: The Revd David Howard, Chaplain of H.M.P and Young Offender Institution Werrington
Please pray for the appointment of an Anglican Chaplain. For Young People who are feeling vulnerable in the prison environment. Give thanks for a good working relationship in the multi-faith Chaplaincy Team. For the young men who attend worship that they may grow in faith. Pray for the Alpha course led by Ellis and Nigel.

The Revd David Howard

Friday 25th May  The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735
Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709

Global: Cuernavaca - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz

Local: Slitting Mill S. John the Baptist in the deanery of Rugeley
Team Rector- The Revd David Evans
Team Vicar- The Revd Preb Peter Hart
LLM- Mr Brian Syk
CWs- Mrs Joan Earp, Mr Paul McCourt

Saturday 26th May  Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605; John Calvin, Reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595

Global: Curitiba - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Naudal Alves Gomes

Prayer for the Week: O God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, one God, revealed to us as Trinity. Bless all who work in your glorious name to being peace and justice to your world. (Pray with the World Church: USPG)